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Pickwick  
St. Michaels  
Private

Circa 1835; Circa 1865

Pickwick, located at Little Neck Creek, a small tributary of the Miles River, is composed of a one-and-one-half-story, five-bay vernacular structure with a lean-to shed and frame kitchen to the north and a two-and-one-half-story, three-bay wing to the west. The interior detail in the long section dates to the second quarter of the nineteenth century; the wing appears to be from the third quarter of that century. The early section is raised on a brick foundation and covered with plain weatherboard. It has a central entrance shaded by a porch with a steeply pitched gable roof. Originally there were chimneys at both gable ends, but the east end's chimney disappeared. On the rear is the lean-to shed, and beyond this is the frame kitchen. Because of its size, the wing is now the principal part of the dwelling. It is covered with weatherboard like the early section and has a bracketed cornice. Outbuildings from the first period of house construction include a slave quarters and a dairy.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Pickwick

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Rt. 33, 1.4 miles N.W. of Newcomb

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Pickford

Telephone #:(301) 822-5848

STREET & NUMBER

Pickwick Farm

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21663

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 429

Folio #: 532

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

—UNALTERED  
☒ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Pickwick is located on Little Neck Creek, a small tributary of the Miles River between Newcomb and St. Michaels. The farm is adjacent to Maiden Point with which it has much in common.

It is composed of several sections consisting of a five bay long one and one-half story section with leanto back shed connected to an old kitchen with a tall, two and one-half story, three bay wide and two deep, frame addition on the west and a long run way to a one-time quarters.

The one and one-half story section appears to be the earliest part. It stands upon a brick foundation and is covered with plain weatherboard. The windows have 9/6 sash and louvered shutters on the first story and two dormers flanking a porch pediment, a later addition. There is a chimney on the west gable, but the east chimney has disappeared. To the rear is a shed across three of the five bays and beyond that, set at right angles to the house is a frame kitchen. Beyond the kitchen is a dairy which has been engulfed in the recently constructed run-way/guest quarters.

The west wing is really the principal part of the composition now. It has three windows on each story and two dormers in the attic, all with 6/6 sash. The weatherboard is like its earlier neighbor. Originally the first story, east bay was an entrance, but this has been relegated to the main pediment of the wing. There is a brick chimney painted white on the west gable.

Inside, the building has a typical two room and central stair hall plan in the old part and a stair hall and single living room in the large part. The living room was probably two smaller rooms as was the case with the dining room at Maiden Point, next door.

Much original detail remains throughout the two sections. Judging from the woodwork, the early part dates from the 1830-40 period and the tall extension from the 1860's. The kitchen and quarters, which closely resemble one another, also date from the earlier period.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

**SPECIFIC DATES****BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Pickwick is a significant dwelling of the second and third quarters of the 19th century. The first section is a vernacular structure with a few traces of the increasing popularity of "stock" interior detailing. Its addition is entirely the product of the machine age.

Pickwick is important for it retains original auxiliary buildings of the period including the kitchen, quarters and dairy.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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